




## MEMORANDUM

Missouri Department of Transportation  
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**TO:** All District Engineers

**FROM:** Jim Carney   
State Maintenance Engineer

**DATE:** October 4, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Temporary Traffic Control  
Traffic Control for Field Operations Revision  
TA-12, TA-13, and TA-19

Due to some observations made during the most recent round of work zone reviews and ambiguities in the guidance provided by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*, the Work Zone Quality Circle requested clarification on the proper usage of flashing arrow panel displays in operations within a lane on multi-lane highways from FHWA. In their reply, FHWA confirmed the flashing arrow mode is used to move vehicles out of a lane closing, due to work within that lane, to a lane remaining open (i.e., merging taper) and the caution mode is used on any subsequent flashing arrow panels located within the closed lane downstream of the taper.

As a result, this office has revised TA-12, TA-13, and TA-19 of the *Traffic Control for Field Operations* to reflect this interpretation. The resulting TAs (see attachments) are effective immediately and will be incorporated into the next revision of the referenced document.

Please ensure this information is forwarded to those who may be affected by the changes. Should you require any clarification, contact Scott Stotlemeyer, technical support engineer-maintenance, at 573-526-1759 or stotls. Thank you.

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attachments